

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a)

Proposed new Flights by Air India and Foreign Airlines

4125. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new foreign airline propose to start air services through India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of places which Air India propose to cover in the World during the next years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Air Services Agreement have been initiated in recent past with Uzbekistan, Korea and Vietnam. However, no schedules have so far been filed by their designated carrier.

(b) In the summer schedule for 1992, Air India proposes to operate the existing route network.

Special Area Development Authority

4126. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHEE TIN-DIVANAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Special Area Development Authority; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The scheme of Special Tourism Areas envisages constitution of a Special Area Development Authority in each of the areas by the State Governments. However, the details of the scheme have still to be worked out in consultation with different State Governments.

Model Telecom District in Kerala

4127. SHRI P.C. CHACKO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the concept of 'model Tele-communication district' is still being followed by Department of Telecommunications; and

(b) if so, the names of districts in Kerala those declared as model Telecom districts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No. Sir. There is no concept of model Telecommunication District. However, Telecom Districts are formed on the basis of Secondary Switching Areas and workload.

(b) There are no model Telecom Districts. However, there are 10 Telecom Districts in Kerala Circle, viz., Ernakulam, Trivandrum, Calicut, Quilon, Trichur, Cannanore, Kottayam, Palghat, Alleppey and Pathanamthitta.

Modernisation of Exchanges in Rajasthan

4128. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop/modernise the telephone exchanges in Rajasthan during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the telephone exchanges in Sojat and Jaitaran (Pali District without STD facility; and

(d) the name of places in Rajasthan where telephone exchanges are proposed to be provided with STD facility during the current year and next financial year, district-wise particularly in Jaitrann and Sojat Exchanges?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given below:-

Development: Department of Telecommunications has formulated draft 8th five year plan with an objective:

- to provide telephone connections practically on demand in rural and tribal areas.
- waiting period for telephone connections not to exceed two years.

Modernisation: (i) Replacement of all manual exchanges by automatic electronic exchanges by March, 1994. (ii) Replacement of all small automatic electromechanical exchanges by electronic exchanges by March, 1997. (iii) Replacement of life-expired and worn out exchanges as and when become due. (iv) provision of NSD facility to all exchanges by 1.4.1997. (v) Telecommunications facilities in all panchayat villages by 1.4.1995.

(c) Details are given below:

(i) Sojat Road (ii) Sojat City (iii) Jaitaran

(d) The names of places are given in the Statement attached.

STATEMENT

Name of places where STD is proposed to be provided in Rajasthan during 1991-92 and 1992-93

Current Year (1991-92)

1. Falna	Pali District
2. Gulabpura	Bhilwara
3. Kankroli	Rajasmand
4. Mathania	Jodhpur
5. Dausa	Dausa
6. Vijaynagar	Bhilwara
7. Kotputli	Jaipur
8. Shahpura	Jaipur
9. Achrol	Jaipur
10. Khairthal	Alwar
11. Bandikui	Dausa
12. Lalsot	Dausa

During 1992-93

1. Bayana	Swaimadhopur
2. Chirawa	Jhunjhunu
3. Khetri	Jhunjhunu
4. Gangapurcity	Swaimadhopur
5. Hindauncity	Swaimadhopur
6. Mount Abu.	Sirohi
7. Makrana	Nagaur

8. Kuchamancy Nagaur

9. Nathdawara Rajasmand

10. Suratgarh Sriganganagar

STD at Sojat has been planned during 1992-93

There is no proposal to provide STD facility at Jaitaran during 1992-93, due to non-availability of transmission media.

Impact of Decontrol of Steel in Construction Activities

4129. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to review its policy of decontrolling of steel on selective basis as the expected increase of steel price from rupees fifteen hundred to rupees three thousand per tonne would adversely affect the construction activities all over the country, especially in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the steps contemplated by the Government to provide employment to the construction labourers; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Deregulation of iron and steel announced on 16.1.1992 is not expected to affect the construction industry adversely. Instead, deregulation would increase efficiency and would provide the requisite environment for creation of new capacities in the private sector, for meeting the increasing requirements of the future.

Setting up of Steel Plants in Orissa

4130. SHRI SIVAJI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1141 on November 28, 1991 regarding setting up of steel plants in Orissa with private collaboration and state the details of memorandum of understanding signed between the parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): The Government of Orissa' has initiated that it has sponsored a public limited company, Kalinga Steels (India) Ltd. and has on 1st November, 1991, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Dr. Swaraj Paul of the Caparo Group of the United Kingdom to set up an integrated steel plant at Daitari in Orissa. As per the MOU:-

- (i) Kalinga Steels Ltd. is expected to be in the private sector with full support from the Government of Orissa.
- (ii) The Caparo Group with its associates, in consultation with the Government of Orissa, will form the Board of Management of Kalinga Steels.
- (iii) Caparo will arrange to evaluate the different technology options.
- (iv) Caparo will arrange a financing package including foreign currency and rupee components.
- (v) Both parties agree to start work on this project immediately. The MOU will be appropriately expanded, modified and detailed into an agreement in due course.

The State Government has informed